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SUBJ: ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY MEDICAL DELEGATION VISIT TO PRC

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY DELEGATION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS HAS BEEN PLEASED BY THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE HOST ORGANIZATION CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE IN ARRANGING SUBSTANTIVE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS FOR A GROUP WHOSE ORIGINAL STATED PURPOSE WAS TOURISM. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY MEDICAL DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. FREDERICK SEITZ DEPARTED PEKING ON MAY 11 FOLLOWING FIVE FULL DAYS IN PEKING. ON ARRIVAL IN PEKING MAY 5, THE DELEGATION EMPHASIZED TO THE HOST ORGANIZATION CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE (CITS) THAT IT WISHED TO COMBINE TOURISM WITH SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES WITH MEDICAL SPECIALISTS.

3. DISPLAYING SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY WITH PRIVATE "TOURIST" GROUPS IN THE PAST, CITS ARRANGED A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS. ON MAY 6 THE DELEGATION WAS INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON SESSION AT PEKING UNIVERSITY PRESIDED OVER BY VICE CHAIRMAN CHOU PEI-YUAN. FOLLOWING THE SESSION THE GROUP WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF CLASSROOMS AND LABORATORIES. ON MAY 9 PROF. CHOPPIN, AN ANIMAL VIROLOGIST, WAS INVITED TO CONDUCT A SEMINAR FOR

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CHINESE SPECIALISTS. ON MAY 10 THE DELEGATION WAS TAKEN TO THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INSTITUTE OF ZOOLOGY AND INSTITUTE OF MICROBIOLOGY. THE DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES BRANCH INSTITUTIONS IN SHANGHAI AND POSSIBLY NANKING.

4. THE GROUP WAS GENERALLY IMPRESSED BY THE EXPERTISE OF

THE INSTITUTE SPECIALISTS AND INDICATED INTEREST IN  
SOME OF THE CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS. THEY LEFT WITH NO  
MATERIALS OR UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS ON THESE PROJECTS, HOWEVER.

5. THE DELEGATION'S ITINERARY FOR ITS TRAVEL IN THE PROVINCES  
FOLLOWS:

MAY 11 -- NANKING (NANKING HOTEL)

MAY 13 -- SOOCHOW (SOOCHOW OR NANLIN HOTEL)

MAY 15 -- SHANGHAI (PEACE HOTEL)

MAY 19 -- CANTON (TUNG-FANG HOTEL)

MAY 22 -- ARRIVE KOWLOON STATION

6. NOTE: ROBERT B. OXNAM, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE CHINA COUNCIL,  
THE ASIA SOCIETY, AND CO-AUTHOR WITH MICHEL OKSENBERG OF THE  
FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION'S RECENT PUBLICATION "CHINA DNA ERICA:  
PAST AND FUTURE," IS TRAVELING WITH DELEGATION AS INTERPRETER.  
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